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**DATE:** October 31, 2011  
**TO:** Statewide Radio Board, Operations and Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Brandon Abley, Emergency Communication Networks  
**SUBJECT:** Followup item: Definition for Infrastructure et al

Chair and Members of the Committee,

Per the OTC's directive that I followup on my request at its October meeting, I provide the following revised definition for ARMER Local Subsystems, Local Enhancements, and Local Infrastructure:

For the purposes of coordinating grants on behalf of the Statewide Radio Board, an ARMER Local Subsystem, Local Enhancement, and Local Infrastructure are synonyms and these terms are interchangeable. Such items are:

- Locally owned and maintained,
- Fixed,
- Interconnected,
- Tangible or mirror or obviate the function of a comparable tangible asset.

Additionally, these items perform one or more of the following:

- Expand ARMER radio coverage area or capacity in the provided service area.
- Expand or add redundancy to the ARMER backhaul network, whether terrestrial or airborne.
- Result in a material operational enhancement to the ARMER backbone.
- Satisfy ARMER participation plan.

Expenses incurred that are necessary to complete a subsystem project, that would not be necessary in the absence of the subsystem project, are considered eligible expenses. These expenses include professional services, supplies and equipment, and other miscellaneous expenses.

ECN would have this definition included as an ammendment to the ARMER plan and publicly posted on the ARMER project webpage. It is our Division's feeling that the

definitions provided in Minnesota Statutes 2011 403.36 and 403.21 do not provide adequate guidance for ECN to fulfill the Statewide Radio Board's objectives.

Respectfully,

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